

1 A bill to that effect was introduced in Parliament on
2 November 29, 1966."

3 I believe as a result of that, the English now
4 permit a verdict, ten, in a 12 man jury.

5 The article concluded by saying:

6 "None of the arguments on either side demonstrate
7 that unanimity is or is not essential to trial by jury.
8 But, on balance, the arguments on behalf of majority jury
9 verdicts carry more weight. The Home Secretary of England
10 wishes to enact a majority verdict rule because jurors are
11 being intimidated or corrupted, especially by those in
12 organized crime. Since the United States has organized
13 crime, one may assume jury tempering goes on in the United
14 States as well."

15 I have been of the opinion for some time that
16 the integrity of the judicial process, of the jury system,
17 certainly will be more stable and beyond corruption, if we
18 permit majority jury verdicts. This amendment gives
19 flexibility to the General Assembly, permits adjustment of
20 the jury trials to the particular court, to the particular
21 crime, and thus, while giving a strong measure of protection,